

October Newsletter

Tips on Making Halloween Accessible

- 1. Practice early & often** - Walk through what trick-or-treating will look like so your child knows what to expect. Get used to your costume ahead of time.
 - a. Ask your therapist about social stories, role-play, and communication cards
- 2. Keep it simple & celebrate your own way** - Focus on fun and comfort rather than following every tradition or visiting every house.
 - a. *Pro-tip:* start early when crowds are smaller or try a trick or treating alternative like local trunk-or-treats.
- 3. Bring comfort items** - Noise-canceling headphones or toys can help if things feel overwhelming.
- 4. Build in breaks** - Have a code word or signal so your child can pause when needed.

Practice
trick-or-
treating
with our
therapists!

Join us for halloween fun and practice trick-or-treating with our ABA therapists, Occupational Therapists, & Speech Therapists! We will provide a social story, themed games, crafts, & accessible fun
October 22nd , 5:15 - 6:15 pm at our Naperville location
OR
October 29th , 4:00 - 5:15 pm at our Merrionette Park location.



Enjoying a.c.e. therapies Merrionette Park Client Appreciation Carnival

Click here
to [RSVP](#).

New Staff

Michele Caporaso, Office Manager

We're excited to welcome our new Full-Time Office Manager! Michele will be helping with scheduling and answering calls across all a.c.e. therapies locations. With a degree in public health and a passion for healthcare, Michele is excited to be a part of our team and to make a lasting impact here.

Multiple New RBTs

As we grow, we are welcoming 3 new behavior techs. Kenny, Noah, and Taylin all have experience with autism and will work across multiple a.c.e. therapies locations. You can look forward to reading more about them on social media.

Insurance Update

We are now in network with Medicaid for ABA in Naperville & Merrionette Park!



Enjoying Summer at a.c.e. therapies Merrionette Park

Summer Recap

9 Accessible Events

- 3 adult craft clubs
- fitness training for adults
- caregiver resource night
- music therapy
- Sensory Sunday professional baseball game
- client appreciation picnic
- lemonade stand

... and more in the works!

2 Podcast Appearances

- Talked about how we represent our values and how to deliver good ABA therapy across the lifespan on the [ABASpeech Podcast](#)
- Discussed what ABA is, how we provide services, & busted common misconceptions about the field on the [Autism Blueprint Podcast](#)

click here!



2 Resource Tables

- distributed information at a Post-secondary fair, non-profit block party, and contacted many local organizations to spread the word about a.c.e. therapies



Adaptive Craft Club at a.c.e. therapies Downers Grove Adult Learning Center